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## YELLOWLEY FINDS IT DRYEST CHRISTMAS

Thinks Public Has Learned Deadliness of Liquor Bootleggers Sell.

### SEES CRISIS PASSING

Promises Special Effort to Curtail Drinking on New Year's.

### SMUGGLING HARDER NOW

Federal Operatives Propose to Continue Daily Rounds of Cabarets.

The United States is dryer than in any previous holiday season since enactment of the Volstead law, E. C. Yellowley, acting Federal Prohibition Director, said yesterday.

"Several deaths are attributed to poison whisky," said Mr. Yellowley. "It is unfortunate that death has come as the reward for folly, but the people have been repeatedly warned that they are taking their lives in their hands when they drink the liquor that is being sold by New York bootleggers. I regret that the public is forced to draw its lesson from the sorrow of others."

"However, I feel that the crisis in enforcement of the prohibition laws is passing. A great majority of the citizens here and in every other city are becoming disgusted with the bootlegging industry and are beginning to realize that the Volstead act is a law, regardless of whether they favor it. A majority of the people are abstaining from the use of bootlegging whisky because they believe in law enforcement and because they know those who violate the law by manufacturing and selling liquor have no regard for the health of the buyers."

"Very little liquor is being smuggled into New York now, because the bootleg syndicates are finding it difficult to dispose of their stocks. Newspaper stories have told the public the truth about whether the citizens live after they have paid for poison whisky, which kills gradually if not within a few hours."

There will be no letup in the rigor with which dry agents will continue their campaign against the sale of liquor in cafes, cabarets, adjoints and hotels, Mr. Yellowley said. Federal operatives, he declared, will make the rounds of many popular White Light district resorts throughout the week in search of evidence. Special efforts will be made to keep New Year festivities as free from alcoholic influences as were the Christmas celebrations, Mr. Yellowley asserted.

### SLAIN DRY CHIEF SEEN LAST WITH A WOMAN

Ohio Police Believe Blinn's Murder Was Planned.

STUEBENVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A woman entered into consideration today in the killing yesterday of Charles "Dixie" Blinn, prohibition officer, the "marked man" of the dry squad here.

Police said Blinn was last seen leaving the home of Miss Lulu Lyle about 10 P. M. and soon, residents say, they heard shots near the house and saw an automobile driven away from near the residence.

The police to-day said Blinn appeared at the home of Charles Walker, south Ninth street, last night, intoxicated, brandishing a revolver and threatening to "pinch" a number of "places." He is said to have left Walker's home in company with Miss Lyle.

Police are working to-day on the theory that Blinn's murder was planned; that he was shot and placed in the machine and his body taken two blocks away and there dumped out.

## BOBBED HAIR IS BLAMED FOR CHINESE GIRL'S FLIGHT

Good Spirits Had No Pigtails to Seize When Little Mildred Wenn Ran Away From Expectant Bridegroom.

Very old, very wise Qua Jong Koo, enthroned upon a sack of fragrant coffee in the grocery store at 32 Mott street, the home of the bridegroom, George Num Lee, smoked his long pipe yesterday, mumbled certain maxims of Kung Fu Tse, whom Western barbarians call Confucius, and speculated upon the insoluble mystery of femininity.

The philosopher Qua was thinking, with all Chinatown, of the curious case of little Mildred Wenn, the almond-eyed maiden who was to have been married at 32 Mott street on Christmas Day to young George Num Lee, Columbia student and engineer, but who fled from her Washington home in the dread of matrimony last Friday night and was only found Sunday after much searching and tribulation on the part of the Chinese population of two cities.

George and his venerable father, who is president of the Chinese Merchants Association at 41 Mott street, had left for Washington yesterday morning to soothe the fluttering little Miss Wenn and to accomplish in that city the marriage ceremony which was prevented here, so there was scarcely anybody in Chinatown able to talk with authority about the little bride bird and her temporary escape from the ancient Qua.

"Many thousands of years ago, in the holy province of Shangtung," said Qua, "it was written in the Book of Tsi Ling that maidens and youths must wear their hair long, as nature and the gods intended hair should be worn. Now the reason for this is that the good spirits, the protecting spirits that hover over us,

all, must have something by which they can lift us from trouble when trouble comes, and when the hair is cut away there is nothing for the good spirits to take hold of. It is very simple. So it was with the maiden in Washington. Following the customs of foolish women in this western world, she permitted her locks to be shorn. Her good spirits were helpless to save her when the bad spirits tempted her from the roof-top of her honorable father."

There was an idea in Chinatown that the marriage would take place in Washington to-morrow or Friday, but nobody seemed to have information any more definite than that little Miss Wenn had been returned to the home of her parents and again awaited the bridegroom.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Mildred Wenn, 19-year-old American reared Chinese girl, who returned home yesterday, according to police, after having disappeared for several days in place over the selection of a bridegroom for her by her parents, was reported missing again late to-day.

Her wedding had been set for yesterday, but her absence caused its postponement, and the Chinese youth, George Num Lee of New York, came to-day to see her. She was permitted to accompany a friend to a theater, police related, while her uncle went to obtain a marriage license. Shortly afterward she could not be found, it was added, and the wedding once more was postponed.

Mildred Wenn is the daughter of Wing Lim Wenn, owner of restaurants here and in other cities.

## ISADORA MERELY 'DELIRIOUSLY ILL'

Dancer Explains That She Drank Some Doctored Champagne Before Fiasco.

A gift of "doctored" champagne that made all who partook of it "deliriously ill" was the explanation offered yesterday by Isadora Duncan, the emotional, Russophile dancer, for the fiasco attending her performance Monday night at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. It was no exhibition of temperamental discord between the dancer and Max Rabinowitch, her accompanist, that prevented the latter from playing when the audience demanded an encore to Miss Duncan's hastily improvised—and some thought somewhat premature—tribute to Sarah Bernhardt.

The program had been finished, Mr. Rabinowitch was very tired and had gone home. Miss Duncan attempted to carry on without her accompanist, bit the wine and a nervous depression she experienced at Christmas time augmented by the news of Mme. Bernhardt's serious illness was too much for her. "I was deliriously and hardly knew what I was doing," Miss Duncan said. "Don't be too hard," the dancer pleaded at the Great Northern Hotel yesterday just before taking a train for Toledo. "Christmas is a very hard time for me. We had some champagne and some flowers. My husband and I are both accustomed to wine. We drank some and it made us both very ill."

Sam Hurok, Miss Duncan's impresario for her American tour, confirmed the dancer's statement that the program had been given in full and that the dance that Miss Duncan called "Mme. Bernhardt's Funeral March" was an added number. This was in spite of various statements that Miss Duncan had not confined herself to the printed program but had chosen her numbers at random. It was after this somewhat uncertain effort that Mr. Rabinowitch disappeared. He had taken several curtain calls with the dancer, but when the time came for the next number on the arranged program he had disappeared. Mr. Rabinowitch, Mr. Hurok's representative said yesterday, understood that the program had been completed and went home while Miss Duncan was in her dressing room. He was reported to have accompanied Miss Duncan and her young husband, Serge Yesselin, a Russian poet, on their tour last night.

### SEIZE WHISKY ON LINER.

Customs inspectors under A. O. Hokenson yesterday seized 250 bottles of Scotch whisky from the liner Philadelphia, docked at pier 11, Brooklyn. The liquor was secreted under coal dust. No arrests were made.

## HOLDUP CAR CAUGHT AFTER BRIDGE CHASE

Suspect Cornered in Mott St. Following Robbery of Brooklyn Jeweler.

### POLICE MOTOR UPSETS

Shots Fired by Pursuer as He Speeds Through Traffic Jam on Bowery.

Charles Burke, alias Edward Kelly, of 1651 Castleton avenue, West New Brighton, Staten Island, was locked up at Police Headquarters last night, charged with being concerned in a bold daylight robbery of the jewelry store of Simon Gold at 5514 Third avenue, Brooklyn.

Burke was captured by Patrolman Graham of Traffic A in the hallway of the house at 7 Mott street after a wild automobile chase through the congested traffic on Manhattan Bridge and into Mott street, in which Patrolman Mitchell, also of Traffic A, was injured when a commandeered machine turned over.

At 1:30 yesterday afternoon two men entered Gold's shop and with drawn revolvers forced the proprietor into a rear room, where his keys were taken from him. One robber returned to the front of the store and took three rings valued at \$185 from the show case.

The holdup men told Gold to remain in the rear room or they would shoot to kill. The two left the store after locking the door and escaped in an automobile, but not before Gold, peeping through the window, saw the license number on the machine, which he jotted down. Gold unlocked the door and hurried to the Fourth avenue police station, where he reported the holdup. A general alarm was then sent out.

Patrolman Touchette, on duty near the Brooklyn end of the Manhattan Bridge, about 2 o'clock caught sight of the car described by Gold. He blew his whistle and commanded a passing automobile. The alleged robbers' car contained one man who later proved to be Burke. He managed to keep well ahead of his pursuers.

Patrolman Mitchell, at Canal and Bayard streets, recognized the number of the license and he commanded the car of Hade Brothers of 84 Bowery, driven by Henry De Long of 167 Harrison avenue, Brooklyn. At this point Patrolman Graham joined in the chase with another automobile.

Touchette went down Canal street, Mitchell through Bayard street and Graham down the Bowery in an effort to "bottle up" the car they were chasing. Graham fired at the fleeing car, which then halted in front of 7 Mott street.

Burke jumped out and ran into the hallway, closely followed by Graham who, after a struggle, arrested him. A loaded revolver was found in the automobile, but none of the loot was discovered on the prisoner.

At Bayard and Baxter streets the car in which Mitchell was riding was overturned in trying to get through a traffic jam. Mitchell was severely bruised and was taken to the Beekman Street Hospital. De Long, the chauffeur, was only slightly injured.

### SEDAN THEFT CHARGE LAID TO BRICKLAYER

Castaldo Was Selling Truck as Police Arrest Him.

Frank Castaldo, 22, a bricklayer, of 16 East 204th street, was arrested by detectives of the automobile squad yesterday, charged with the theft on November 18 of a sedan automobile which Cecil A. Strong of 502 East 162d street had left at Sixth avenue and Fifty-ninth street. He denies the charge, saying Strong had turned the car over to him to be disposed of.

The detectives had been looking for Castaldo for some time. When they found him yesterday, they say, he was in a garage trying to sell a truck to Tony Spino of Tarrytown.

"This man's all right," Spino told the detectives. "I've bought several cars from him."

### CAPITOL LIQUOR NET GETS ONLY A WAITER

Negro Employee in Restaurant Loses Cheer and Job.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—The Capitol police to-day pulled in the dragnet thrown out Saturday when a bottle of moonshine was dropped on the floor of the Senate restaurant and the "catch" consisted of one badly scared, dusky skinned waiter who confessed that the "likker" belonged to him and was not intended for some "wet" Senator.

The calamity came, he explained, simply because he placed his bottle in his pocket on top of his handkerchief instead of placing the handkerchief on top of the bottle. Then when he had used for his handkerchief he gave it a quick jerk and the result was a sad, sad story. He not only lost his Christmas cheer, but his job.

Senator Curtis (Kan.) who is determined to break up the Capitol bootlegging was much gratified to learn that no one "higher up" was involved in the restaurant episode. He has decided to go ahead with the investigation and has given some interesting clues, especially one that a certain bootlegger has a monopoly on the Capitol business. He is eager to know if that is true and why.

### DRUNKS TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

Iowa Police Chief to Try "Picture Cure" Reform.

DES MOINES, Dec. 26.—John B. Hammond, Chief of Police, announced to-day that every drunken man who is brought into police headquarters hereafter will have his picture taken.

When the offender has become sober again he will be presented with a picture of himself, so that he may know just how he looked when he was brought to the jail. Hammond hopes this "picture cure" will be a potent weapon against drunkennes.

### SPECIAL ELECTION ORDERED.

Gov. Miller has ordered for January 30 a special election to fill the vacancy in the Nineteenth Congress district caused by the death of Representative-elect Samuel Marx. Under a court ruling those who could not vote in the general election on November 7 because of age may do so in the special if they reach the age of 21 by January 30.

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